

Witness List
House Committee on Veterans' Affairs
Hearing of the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs

**“Veterans’ Dilemma:
Navigating the Appeals System for Veterans Claims”**

Thursday, January 22, 2015 at 10:30 a.m.
340 Cannon House Office Building

Panel 1

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accompanied by

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Panel 2

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Panel 3

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